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1. WE DISCUSSED TALKING POINTS REFTEL WITH WHITAKER, UK SHIPPING POLICY DIVISION, DEPT. OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY WHO WILL HEAD UK DEL AT WORKING GROUP MEETINGS.

2. UK VIEWS SIMILAR TO OURS IN THAT THEY WISH TO SEE EXPANSION OF COUNCIL KEPT TO THREE AS IN DUTCH PROPOSAL IF POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THEY ASSUME THREE ADDITIONAL PLACES WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE ASSIGNED TO CATEGORY C TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF OBTAINING LDC SUPPORT. SHOULD GREATER EXPANSION OF COUNCIL TO 24 APPEAR LIKELY OUTCOME, UK BELIEVES, AS CANADA, THAT SOME OF NEW SEATS MIGHT BE ASSIGNED TO CATEGORY B.

3. AS IMCO SECRETARIAT HAS ALSO INFORMED US, WHITAKER NOTED GROUP OF 77 WILL CAUCUS MORNING OF FEBRUARY 4 BEFORE WG MEETING. NIGERIA REPORTEDLY IS LEADING EFFORT TO OBTAIN CONSENSUS IN 77 GROUP. UK NOTED IT HAS SOME CONCERN THAT THE PRC MAY RALLY 77 TO SUPPORT COMPLETE REVISION OF COUNCIL MAKEUP RATHER THAN SIMPLE ADDITION OF FEW MEMBERS. SHOULD SUCH PROPOSAL

BE ADOPTED, UK WILL INSIST THAT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBER STATES SHOULD ALSO BE REVISED.

4. ON MSC, UK WOULD ALSO PREFER THAT IT NOT BE OPENENDED EVEN THOUGH IN THEIR VIEW TH\*S MIGHT NOT RESULT IN ANY GREAT INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE AT MSC MEETINGS. THEY BELIEVE SUPPORT FOR SOME ALTERNATIVE FORMULA FOR MSC EXPANSION MIGHT FIND SUPPORT BY SEVERAL MEMBERS IF IT WERE INTRODUCED. UK HOWEVER IS APPARENTLY NOT PREPARED TO MAKE SUCH A PROPOSAL AND WONDERS IF, IN FACT, ANY DELEGATION IS PREPARED TO DO SO.

5. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF OUR VIEWS WITH SHIPPING ATTACHE OF FED. REP. OF GERMANY (FRG) HE SAID FRG DOES NOT YET HAVE FIRM POSITION. NONETHELESS, FRG THINKING APPEARS TO BE ALONG LINES SIMILAR TO FRENCH PROPOSAL (LONDON 1457) WHICH FRG APPARENTLY HAS NOT YET SEEN. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FRG BELIEVES IT LIKELY THAT MINIMUM COUNCIL EXPANSION LDCS LIKELY TO ACCEPT WILL BE SIX, ALL IN CATEGORY C, PRODUCING 50/50 BALANCE BETWEEN PRESENT CATEGORIES (A) (B) AND LDC'S IN (C). FRG ALSO SEEMS TO CONSIDER OPENING OF MSC TO ALL MEMBERS WILL BE APPROVED. HOWEVER, ASSUMING THIS IS OUTCOME THEN, AS FRENCH SUGGESTED, MSC POWERS SHOULD BE REDUCED TO PUT IT UNDER MORE POSITIVE CONTROL OF COUNCIL. IN RESPONSE

TO OUR SUGGESTION THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME  
ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPED FOR EXPANDING MSC IN LINE WITH  
COUNCIL EXPANSION RATHER THAN MAKING AT OPENENDED  
FRG ALSO DOUBTED THAT ANY DELEGATION WOULD BE WILLING  
TO MAKE SUCH A FORMAL PROPOSAL.

6. FRG REP NOTED HE UNDERSTANDS PRC WANTS VERY MUCH  
TO OBTAIN COUNCIL SEAT AND AT ASSEMBLY MEETING IN  
NOVEMBER HAD CONSULTED WITH MANY OLDER MEMBERS OF  
IMCO TO OBTAIN SUGGESTIONS ON HOW BEST TO ACHIEVE THIS  
GOAL.

7. SECRETARIAT INFORMED US IT EXPECTS LARGE ASSEMBLY-  
SIZE GROUP OF DELEGATES (200 IS ESTIMATED) WILL TAKE  
PART IN WG DISCUSSIONS AND PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE  
TO ACCOMMODATE GROUP OF THIS SIZE.  
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